

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the Description of the Drawings beginning on page 4, line 17:

Figure 1 is an elevational view of the apparatus of the present invention, without any netting in place.

Figure 1A is the same elevational view as Figure 1, with the netting shown.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the netting tube.

Figure 3 is an elevational view of the tube cap ring.

Figure 4 is a perspective view of the preferred embodiment of the second tube.

Figure 5 is a plan view of the lower tube ring.

Figure 6 is an elevational view of the preferred embodiment of the second tube placed over the netting tube.

Figure 7 is a partial cutaway elevational view of the preferred embodiment of the second tube.

Figure 8 is a partial cutaway elevational view of the preferred embodiment of the second tube placed over the netting tube.

Figure 9 is a partial cutaway elevational view of another embodiment of the second tube placed over the netting tube.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on Page 6, line 14, as follows:

The second tube 50, shown in perspective view in Figure 4 ~~Figure 3~~, is also a hollow cylinder, with an inside diameter greater than the outside diameter of the netting tube 40. The second tube 50 is preferably made of a heavy plastic, to allow netting 4 to slide over it easily. At the top of the second tube 50 is placed a tube cap ring 52, shown in elevational view in Figure 3 ~~Figure 2~~. The tube cap ring 52 is a toroidal element with a notched edge 53, so that it has one outer diameter equal to the outer diameter of the second tube 50, and a second outer diameter

equal to the inner diameter of the second tube 50, allowing the tube cap ring 52 to snap onto the top end of the second tube 50. The tube cap ring 52 has an inner diameter just slightly larger than the outer diameter of the netting tube 40, so that the tube cap ring 52 can slide easily axially to the netting tube 40. The tube cap ring 52 is rounded or at least angled on the side opposite the notched edge, to allow netting 4 to 4~~to~~ slide over it easily, as the purpose of the tube cap ring 52 is to prevent snagging. In the preferred embodiment, the tube cap ring 52 stays firmly attached to the second tube 50 by an interference fit, but glue could also be used if necessary.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on Page 7, line 20, as follows:

In another embodiment, the second tube 50 has an inner diameter just slightly greater than the outer diameter of the netting tube 40, as shown in Figure 9. Instead of placing a lower tube ring 54 in the bore of the second tube 50, however, a notch 58 is cut out of the lower end of the second tube 50, thereby forming the annular space 56.